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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

HIROSHI MORI ET AL.

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EXAMINER: UMAKANT K RAJGURU

FOR: POLYACETAL RESINS WITH REDUCED
FORMALDEHYDE ODORAMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 10 and 12 as follows:

10. (Amended) A polyacetal resin composition comprising (a) a polyacetal resin, and (b) one or more amino compounds selected from the group consisting of diethanolamine and methyl anthranilate; wherein the composition is characterized by a formaldehyde concentration at room temperature that is less than about 50% of the formaldehyde concentration of the polyacetal resin itself.

12. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 11 wherein the amino compound is ethyl *p*-aminobenzoate.

Please cancel claims 18-27, 30, 31, 37 and 38.

REMARKS

In item 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-17, 28, 29 and 32-36 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shinohara et al (USP 586671) in view of Gibbs (USP 3406223) and Fukumoto et al. (USP 5603927). Applicants disagree. Claim 10 and 12 have been amended.

As the examiner indicates in the office action, Shinohara does not disclose the use of amino compounds as in Applicants' invention (claim 1, 10 and 35). Additionally, Shinohara et al describes the polyacetal resin compositions, which are

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